

# SPOKANEWORD

October  
Tenth Month  
2018



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## Sunday Schedule:

Doors Open at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship begins in stillness  
when first person sits down.  
Worship continues with song  
and messages 10:00 am  
Fellowship 11:00 am

Second Sunday of the Month:  
After worship we gather for a  
Community Potluck Dinner .

Third Sunday of the Month:  
Monthly Meeting for  
Business begins at rise of  
worship.

**[Note:** This following material was chosen as preparation for the mini-workshop given by the Alternatives to Violence Project at Spokane Friends on the morning of October 13.]

## The Biblical Vision of Peacemaking and Nonviolence by Charles E. Moore

[The Old Testament concept of ] shalom describes social life where the claims and needs of all are satisfied, where there is a relationship of communion between God, others, and nature. The requirements and fruit of shalom are justice, compassion, and mercy. It includes material prosperity for all, bodily health for everyone, personal happiness and mutuality with others, and the use of resources for the building up of individual fulfillment and communal solidarity. There is friendship with animals, ecological balance, and a network of relationships in fruitful, joyous work. It is a state of abundance, mutual trust, vibrant harmony, and redemptive justice. . . .

Jesus' way of peace presupposes the vision of shalom reflected in the Old Testament. It involves embodying a justice and a righteousness the world cannot fathom or establish on its own. The dividing line between those who believe in the use of force and those who don't is the same line that divides those who believe they can make the world as we know it a kinder, gentler place, and those who believe we must ultimately start completely over – from the ground up – and live on an entirely new basis.

. . . I refuse to kill or harm because I ultimately stake my life on a radical affirmation: Jesus came to bring life, and more abundantly (John 10:10). I have given myself to living under God's rulership and thus trust in his intervention. God's kingdom of shalom is a reality that revolutionizes and redefines every facet of life: material, social, spiritual, economic, and political. My refusal to kill is but a fruition of a higher calling that envelops an ethic that is starkly contrary to the world: humble service, truthfulness, powerlessness, unencumbered sharing. This calling undermines the prevailing undercurrents that give rise to injustice and war.

Tom Potts, a brother in the faith who is no longer living, shared a letter with me in which he once tried to explain to his former Quaker friends why his "pacifism" had to be more than saying no to war. Tom was once a successful, respectable business man. He also tried to live a simple life. Yet, he was frustrated:

For all my adult life I have been frustrated by the contradiction between ordinary American life and the teaching of Jesus' second commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." I have a good job and I am part owner of a steel warehouse. We have a most congenial working group and enjoy the game of competing in the market place for the available business. We advertise honestly, we charge fair prices, we are concerned about good employee relations, we have a Christmas party, we give generously to the community chest, and we have a profit-sharing scheme.

But do I love my neighbor as myself? Am I concerned for the clerk who has come to work by public transport while I drive a nice car? Do I help a competitor salesman get a big order? Do I give to charity just what I don't need anyway? Do I really share what I don't need, or do I save a big percentage of my income for my old age, before giving to others? Yet, how can I give it all away, what would my family and I live on? How foolish can you get? But Jesus did not say, "Love your neighbor after taking care of yourself."

Andre Trocme, pastor of the tiny village Le Chambon in France that nonviolently saved over 3,000 Jews in World War Two, wrote the following:

The Christian objector to war or to military service is not a purist, who, on the day he receives his order to kill his neighbor, wakes from his dream to say "no." He is a servant with experienced hands who is so busy helping his neighbor that to interrupt his activity to undertake the task of killing is unthinkable to him.

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Being committed to nonviolence is thus a piece in a larger whole of God's will for the earth. Jesus called his disciples to deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow him. To find life, one must be ready to lose it. The cross on one's shoulders displaces the weapons we may carry elsewhere. Jesus is up to something altogether "out of this world," consisting of a new family of humanity that forgoes the pursuit of the "good life." Such a community finds itself in conflict with a world bent on securing and defending its material lot and its own interests by use of force and inequity.

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"If we really want peace, we must represent it in all areas of life. So we must do nothing that would conflict with love. That means we cannot kill anyone. But it also means we cannot harm anyone in business; we cannot lend our approval to a way of life that provides a lower standard of living for some and a higher one for others.

"Is it not war when millions of people starve to death while in other countries millions of tons of wheat are stock-piled? Is it not war when people are forced to work like slaves because they can hardly provide food and shelter for their children? Isn't it war when the wealthy live in villas surrounded by parks while there are families who don't even have a room to themselves?"

Arnold's point is simple: waging peace demands a war against all that gives rise to unpeace, especially injustice. Such a life, in the words of George Fox, is one "in the virtue of that life and power that take away the occasion of all wars."

**Charles E. Moore** is a Bruderhof member living at Mount Community in New York, who contributes to the blog Voices. He is a contributing editor and author for Plough Publishing, has written a number of books, and teaches Biblical history at the Mount Academy. He contributed a long-running series on the biblical vision of peacemaking and pacifism for the Bruderhof blog Voices. The above material is from Parts 9 and 11 of that series, which may be found at <https://www.bruderhof.com/en/voices-blog/justice/peacemaking-and-nonviolence>

**Coming to Spokane Friends in October . . . It's**

# World Quaker Day

**Sunday, October 7**

We have invited a number of old friends of Spokane Friends to join us for Sunday Worship. We have also invited three different Quaker Meetings in our region to send a group to worship with us that morning, to share a Friendly meal.

Our special speaker for the morning will be Colin Saxton, former General Secretary of Friends United Meeting and General Superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Here is the schedule for the morning:

9:00 Unprogrammed worship

10:00 Programmed worship

11:30 Introduction of visiting Friends and brief presentation about their own Quaker meeting

Noon Friendly lunch served by Spokane Friends

*"As we climb a mountain, we come nearer to other climbers and finally we find ourselves together with them at the top. The word "together" does not imply intellectual agreement, but spiritual unity, which sometimes arises unexpectedly in a group."*

— Howard Brinton



## PUBLIC LECTURE

**SATURDAY, OCT. 7**

**7:30 PM**

**IT'S DEAD:**

**THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION TO THE  
PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

**Dr. Raja Tanas**

**SPOKANE FRIENDS CHURCH, 1612 W. DALKE**  
(one block south of Francis, between Maple and Ash)

Dr. Raja S. Tanas, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Whitworth University, has taught courses in the areas of Middle Eastern, Arab, and Islamic studies. Dr. Tanas received the Burlington Northern Teaching Excellence Award in 1989, Whitworth's Diversity Award in 2011 and was voted the institution's Most Influential Professor in 2010.



[Dr. Tanas will also speak during Sunday Worship]

## CARING FOR CARITAS



Caritas is feeling the Autumn crunch. Summer is such a high need period with August hitting peak service numbers every year. By the time September hits, our shelves are severely depleted. We are in need of everything!

### Pantry Gifts

- Canned Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter & Jam
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Broth & Soups
- Macaroni and Cheese

### Necessity Gifts

- Antibiotic Cream
- Band Aids
- Can Openers
- Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper

### NOTES TO CARITAS

*“David and myself just wanted to say thank you more than you’ll ever know. Joy & Blessings - Becky”*

*“Thank you ALL for your service, effort, work and compassion!!! The food my son brought home was and is a True BLESSING from GOD! - Wanda*

### OTHER NEWS FROM CARITAS

During the month of August, 2018, Caritas Outreach Ministries served **1062 individuals** from **425 households**:

Children (0-18)	359
Adults (18-54)	473
Seniors (55 & over)	230

We distributed **18,740 lbs.** of food through the Table of Plenty and Food Pantry.

We helped **3 families** with emergency utility assistance for a total of **\$444.00**.

We connected families with **\$476.50** worth of hygiene and cleaning supplies.

We gave out **\$100** in fuel vouchers for transportation help.

We had **52**volunteers putting in **446** hours.

*Kelsie Rowland*

Operations Manager

### Sunday Morning Worship **Leadership Schedule**

- Oct 7 Colin Saxton, World Quaker Day
- Oct 14 Jon Maroni, Alternatives to Violence Panel
- Oct 21 Raja Tanas, The Descendants of Abraham through Arab-Christian Eyes

## Quaker News

The next **Quarterly Gathering of Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting** will be at Eugene Friends Church on October 20. The following Quarterly Gathering will be at West Hills Friends Church on February 16, 2019. The program for the day is now posted on their website in the Sept. 21 Bulletin.

<https://www.scymfriends.org/newsletter/>

The next Annual Session will be May 17–19, 2019.

[**Note:** At our June Monthly Meeting we decided to send some representatives to attend the next Quarterly Meeting of Sierra-Cascades. The more of us who attend this Quarterly Meeting, the better equipped we will be to decide whether or not we wish to affiliate with them. ]

**Quaker Earthcare Witness** is meeting in Federal Way (near Tacoma), 11–14 October 2018. A link to registration will be available in August. Meetings will take place at the Dumas Bay Centre. More information at <https://www.quakerearthcare.org/>

**West Hills Friends Meeting** is seeking an interim pastor during a pastoral transition period. Interested candidates can explore their web site <https://westhillsfriends.org/about-us> to learn about West Hills friends. To find out more about the position for yourself or someone you know, please contact [office @ westhills friends.org](mailto:office@westhillsfriends.org) for details on the requirements and job description.

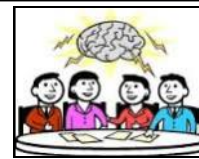
**First Friends Meeting**, a Quaker Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, offering both programmed & unprogrammed worship, is seeking a full-time pastor. The Meeting seeks to be a welcoming, community-involved, spiritual body

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On Tuesday October 3, our Missions Committee will be serving dinner to the Gideons. They will use a Halloween theme featuring “mummy dogs” and chili. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship area if you can help out.

## MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES 16 September 2018



The meeting was opened by Presiding Clerk, Jonas Cox. 9 people were in attendance. The Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report: We are doing well. No new changes at this time.

Elders' report: We have once again reviewed the previous Sunday services and have worked on the pulpit schedule through the end of October. There was a good report on the presentation from Dwight Kimberly about human sexual development. We continue to keep Milt Asher and Sue Keehnen in our prayers. Cards, visits, and calls are welcomed by both. Sue can also receive emails and texts. Milt is a resident of the Spokane Veterans Home and the number is 509-344-5770; Sue is currently at Royal Park and her cell number is 509-455-4328. On Saturday morning, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a mini-workshop from Alternative to Violence Project from 9-12 at the church. Jon Maroni is spearheading this effort. On October 19-20<sup>th</sup> we will have speaker Dr. Raja Tanas talk about Middle East issues.

Stewards & Trustees: Ben Larson will be coming on October 10<sup>th</sup> to prune trees at the church. We also have a new lock on the shed, which has the snow blower.

Education: no report

Old Business: There is money approved to be used for those who want to attend Sierra-Cascades Quarterly Mtg in Eugene, OR on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Help is also available to events of North Pacific YM. There will be a mailing going out to Quakers of all backgrounds in our area to join us on October 7<sup>th</sup> for World Quaker Day. Colin Saxton will be our speaker that Sunday.

New Business: The restated Articles of Incorporation have been completed. The sub-committee will begin working on the Bylaws update. Krista Maroni will contact Roger Watson, who dealt with filing issues when he was with NWYM, with questions regarding filing as a non-profit at the State and Federal levels.

With no further old or new business and all hearts clear, Krista Maroni dismissed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Nixon, Recording Clerk

### *In Memoriam*

**Judy Hill  
Died September 1, 2018**

Judy Hill began attending Spokane Friends in 2010 when she and her partner Mary Hanson moved here from University Friends Meeting in Seattle.

Judy had Parkinson's disease, and Mary became her caregiver, even though she was legally blind. A guide dog, Batik,

came to live with them while in Spokane. Mary and Judy faithfully attended the Open Worship hour. They made it possible for the Peace With Justice Committee to show "Second Friday Movies" every month for more than two years (a return of the old Theater and Theology program) by inviting us to be their guests at a large and lovely theater at Vintage Retirement Community where they resided.

We learned much from Mary and Judy, our first openly lesbian Christian Quaker couple in a committed long-term relationship. They left Spokane in 2013 for Seattle and later moved to Mount Vernon to be nearer family as Judy's illness progressed. They attended Bellingham Friends Meeting; Judy's memorial service was there on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Coming Soon to Spokane Friends A Workshop on Nonviolence

On Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Spokane Friends will be hosting an Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) workshop in our church fellowship hall. AVP hosts community workshops enabling creative, affirming responses to conflict and violence. Their focus is on teaching interpersonal conflict and resolution skills. Their roots can be found in the Friends traditions of non violence and belief in the inborn power for peace in everyone. Anyone is welcome to attend, however RSVP's are required. Please RSVP by emailing Jon Maroni [jonmaroni@gmail.com](mailto:jonmaroni@gmail.com) by Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Space will be limited to the first 18 people who RSVP. To learn more about AVP please visit their website [www.avpusa.org](http://www.avpusa.org).



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\* OFFICIAL GUIDE TO QUAKER-SPEAK \*  
\* From Quaker Lite 2½ by Stan Banker \*  
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\* *The Monthly Meeting explored all possible an-*  
\* *gles to the situation . . .* means “Everybody at the meet-  
\* ing talked way too much.”

\* *That friends proposal would not have occurred to me . . .*  
\* means “What kind of yahoo would come up with a stu-  
\* pid idea like that?”

\* *It occurs to me . . .* means “I’ve been stewing about this  
\* since the last meeting we had.”

\* *I have some hesitation . . .* means “Absolutely no way!”  
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*I respectfully state that I cannot approve . . .* means  
“Over my dead body!”

*I’m sure our Friend who disagrees will step aside . . .*  
means “Over your dead body!”

*You obviously have a strong concern. . .* means “Give it a  
rest, buddy!”

*We will follow this course of action as the way opens . . .*  
means “If we’re going to do this, someone better cough  
up a big chunk of money.”

*Friends are encouraged to be present . . .* means “If you  
don’t show up, you’ll be appointed to a committee.”  
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